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In re Application of HIRAMATSU et al

U.S. Application No.: 10/569,838

PCT Application No.: PCT/JP2004/012406

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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING CARBON

NANOWALLS, CARBON NANOWALL, AND APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING

CARBON NANOWALLS

This is in response to applicant's correspondence filed 22 January 2007.

BACKGROUND

On 27 August 2004, applicant filed international application PCT/JP2004/012406, which claimed priority of an earlier Japan application filed 27 August 2003. A copy of the international application was communicated to the USPTO from the International Bureau on 10 March 2005. The thirty-month period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired on 27 February 2006.

On 24 February 2006, applicant filed national stage papers in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US). The submission was accompanied by, *inter alia*, the basic national fee required by 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1).

On 05 May 2006, applicant filed an executed declaration.

On 19 October 2006, the DO/EO/US mailed a Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 (Form PCT/DO/EO/905), which indicated a discrepancy between the inventive entity shown in the 05 May 2006 declaration and that listed in the published international application.

On 01 December 2006, applicant filed a copy of the declaration filed 05 May 2006.

On 20 December 2006, this Office mailed a communication which identified a discrepancy with regard to the named inventive entity.

On 22 January 2007, applicant filed the present response including a newly executed declaration.

DISCUSSION

The response states that Hiroyuki Kano was mistakenly listed on the declaration filed 05 May 2006 and that the error occurred without deceptive intent. Applicant's explanation for the error is accepted.

CONCLUSION

The application has an International Filing Date under 35 U.S.C. 363 of 27 August 2004, and a date under 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2), and (c)(4) of 22 January 2007.

This application is being forwarded to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) for further processing in accordance with this communication.

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